

TELEPHONE GIRLS KEEP WIRES BUSY WHILE THEY DANCE

Service Maintained While Operators Trip Around Colonial Hall.

The annual dance of the Bridgeport telephone girls was held last evening and it was the greatest of them all. With private branch exchange operators and a few others as their guests, a royal time was enjoyed until morning.

The dance was held in Colonial hall, which was decorated appropriately. Five hundred were present. Officials of the Southern New England Telephone Co. from Bridgeport, New Haven, Trumbull and New Canaan were present. Murray's orchestra played for the dancing and refreshments were served between times.

The big hit of the evening was scored in the course of an entertainment staged by the members of Edward Freyer's cabaret show, Fairfield avenue, under the direction of Al Hyatt. Standing in the balcony of the ball room, Miss Rose Ford, Miss Babe Russell, Miss Junet Harrison, and Miss Flo Wheeler, held in their hands miniature phones, long brightly colored ribbons, connecting them with Mr. Freyer, Bull Armon, Castiel, Will Moore and Hyatt, who stood on the waxed floor beneath.

There rendition of a new telephone song hit was roundly applauded by the crowd. Miss Ford sang "Good-bye" with deep feeling and the entertainment was brought to a close by the entire members of the company singing "Hawaii."

The committee in charge of the affair were: Music committee, James Darville, chairman; R. E. Meeker and the Misses Reardon, Burgess and Shepard; Hall committee, W. W. Knight, chairman; William Carroll, Harry Gordon, Miss M. Sears, and Miss W. Holman; Refreshment committee, Frank Campbell, chairman; Robert Miles, Gus Rutherford and the Misses M. Gelles and L. Mitchell.

Advertising committee, Miss Louise Conklin, chairman, and the Misses M. Culley, E. Carr, E. Kausler and Mrs. F. Rineck. Printing committee was composed of the Misses M. Roche, A. Miller, M. Abercrombie and Robert Burns. Floor committee, W. L. Ronald, chairman; A. A. Goodyear, James Poole, Frank Gartland, Arthur Baldwin, John Reddy, Harry Jewett and the Misses L. Gregory, S. Erwin, R. Panton, S. Knight and R. Rasmussen.

Austrian Destroyer Damaged in Battle

Rome, Jan. 30.—The Austrian destroyer Hussar was put out of action in a naval engagement in the Adriatic a few days ago according to the Tribune. The paper says that two Italian destroyers engaged the Austrian flotilla and that the Hussar was hit several times and set on fire. She was towed into a neighboring port by torpedo boats. The Italians suffered no loss, the report says. The engagement was fought in the midst of a tempest.

RUSSIA PLACES BAN ON MORE "LUXURIES"

Washington, Jan. 30.—Russia has added many new articles to her list of commodities excluded by her on the ground of not being necessities. The new list of articles reached the department of commerce today and among them are most kinds of vehicles except those for rail tracks, precious metals, jewelry, wall paper and decorations not being necessities. Already there is a general restriction on imports except by special permit to Russian ports because of a freight congestion.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF

Gardner, Mass., Jan. 30.—The bodies of John Lindberg and his wife, with bullet holes in their heads, were found in their home on Pine street last night. The police said that the evidence showed that Lindberg had shot his wife and himself. Neighbors said that the couple had quarreled and Mrs. Lindberg had expressed her intention of applying for a divorce. The man was a highway laborer.

CHAMBERLAIN EXCUSED.

Hearings in the Burr & Knapp trusteeship case were again suddenly postponed today, and are now scheduled for Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Though John C. Chamberlain, who was excused from the witness stand by Referee Carlton J. Hoadley, because he was suffering from a severe cold, has recovered after nearly two weeks' illness, counsel found the press of many Connecticut cases reason for adjournment. It is believed the records may be completed and in the hands of Judge Edwin S. Thomas of the United States District court, before the end of next month.

The Canadian government received a request from the Town Council of Tupperburg, Ont., for the admission into Canada of a citizen of an enemy country. A bond of \$50,000 is offered for his proper conduct.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morris were surprised at their home, 27 Hunting street, Saturday evening, by members of the Star Pinocchio club. The party was of the nature of a house warming and Mr. and Mrs. Morris were presented with a sectional book case, telephone stand and chair and a copper plaque. William Keating made the presentation. Dancing and games followed later in the evening and solos were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. Clinton Chase, Miss Della Callahan, George Lynch and Albert McKie. At midnight a buffet lunch was served. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. G. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Scanlon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Keating, Mr. and Mrs. S. Danlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch, Mr. W. J. Bullard and the Misses Della and Margaret Callahan, Mary Lynch, Lena Lewis, Frances and Mary Dunleavy, Margaret Mullaly and the Messrs. Jas. and George Lynch, Francis Sheridan and Leo Norris.

The coming of Monday of Rev. Henry R. Rose, D.D. of Newark, N. J., to give an illustrated lecture on "The House of Dreams," before members of the Bridgeport Art League at The Stratfield ball room, is much looked forward to by members of that organization. Dr. Rose lectured here before the league last year at which time his beautifully colored lantern slides and his interesting talk which illustrated these were greatly admired. The lecture on Monday will deal with the Congressional Library in Washington which Dr. Rose calls "The House of Dreams."

Miss Isabel Stevenson Yoemans of New York and George Piarr Brett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Brett of New York and Greenfield Hill, will be married August 18, at Plymouth, Mass., at the summer home of Miss Yoemans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Yoemans.

A meeting of the Mothers' club was held last evening at the home of Mrs. James Brereton, 2532 North avenue, and the evening was devoted to social entertainment. The guests wore masquerade costumes.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brower Whitney who will leave Feb. 12 for Los Angeles, Dr. and Mrs. Roy E. Tutill will entertain this evening with a bridge party.

Dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Curtis, who also are planning to leave for California, will be given this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ellie N. Sperry of 300 Park place. Covers for 12 have been laid.

"Rudyard Kipling—His Life and Works" was discussed yesterday at the meeting of the Misses M. Roche, A. Miller, M. Abercrombie and Robert Burns. Floor committee, W. L. Ronald, chairman; A. A. Goodyear, James Poole, Frank Gartland, Arthur Baldwin, John Reddy, Harry Jewett and the Misses L. Gregory, S. Erwin, R. Panton, S. Knight and R. Rasmussen.

The Iota Sigma club will be the hostesses at the dance of the Federation of Industrial clubs which will be held Friday evening in the Seaside Institute. The dance is open to any member of the association and men friends may be invited.

The Red Cross Society of the German Reformed church will hold its regular meeting at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow in the church parlors, instead of next week.

As a compliment to Miss McGrath, leading woman in the Lyric stock company, the Mary C. Wheeler Circle, Lady Foresters, will hold a theatre party at the Lyric tomorrow evening. Miss McGrath is a member of the order. The circle will hold a reception in Lyric hall on Thursday evening.

An unusually pleasant evening was spent at the Washington Park church last night by the members of the official board and their wives. It has been the custom for sometime for the men to have a dinner together, but on this occasion they opened the door and had their wives as their guests. A very efficient committee consisting of Mrs. O. I. See, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, Mrs. Laura Cole and Mrs. G. G. Conklin, had charge of the supper arrangements and they were of such a character as to live long in the recollections of those present. The menu consisted of a turkey dinner. At the close of the dinner there were short addresses by the representatives of several organizations on the topic, "What Can the Official Board Do to Help My Organization?" H. A. Chaffee represented the Sunday school, Mrs. G. G. Conklin the Epworth league, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert the Woman's Home Missionary society, Mrs. Laura Cole the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, and Rev. Everett Burnes the Men's society. At the close of the addresses a social evening of new and old games was spent in the Sunday school room under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Fenfield and Mrs. E. C. Spargo.

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U. S. WARSHIPS TO BE BIGGEST FIGHTING CRAFT

Eighteen Large Submarines, Too, and Battle Cruisers Planned.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Three new battleships, to be the biggest in the world, were decided upon yesterday by the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House, which finished its work on the Appropriation Bill. These ships will have a displacement of 42,000 tons each and will cost, complete with armor and armament and ammunition, a total of \$28,178,582 apiece. They will have a speed of twenty-three knots, two knots greater than American battleships heretofore authorized, and will be fitted out with twelve 16-inch guns.

The Administration's \$800,000,000 defense budget was advanced further also when the House today passed the Fortifications Bill carrying a total of more than \$51,000,000 for coast defenses.

The Army Appropriation Bill, the third element of the program, still is in the House Military Committee, which is expected to complete it next week. Estimates for the army reach a total of more than \$350,000,000, exclusive of numerous deficiency measures resulting from the border mobilization and the rising cost of war materials.

The Navy Appropriation Bill, which will be reported to the House tomorrow, provides for the expenditure of \$351,453,245, an increase of more than \$38,000,000 above the appropriation passed by the last Congress, which was \$313,453,245.

The Naval Affairs Committee endeavored to carry along toward completion the preparedness program of the Wilson administration. The amount authorized is somewhat less than the estimated \$379,000,000. This is declared to be due to the fact that some of the moneys previously appropriated have not yet been expended.

Among the increases recommended by the committee are 18,800-ton type submarines instead of 500-ton submarines. This type of submarine, including armament and armament, will cost \$1,434,093 each.

The Navy Program.

The following additional ships have been decided upon by the committee: One battle cruiser, to cost \$28,178,582, with armament and ammunition and have a speed of 35 knots.

Three scout cruisers, \$6,746,145 each, with armament and ammunition.

Fifteen torpedo boat destroyers, \$1,748,612 each, with armament and ammunition.

One destroyer tender, \$2,898,929, with armament and ammunition.

One submarine tender, \$2,199,400, with armament and ammunition.

The committee decided to increase the limit of cost on four battle cruisers and three scout cruisers previously authorized. The limit on the hull and machinery of the battle cruisers is raised to \$19,000,000 from \$18,500,000 each, and on the scout cruisers for hull and machinery the limit is raised to \$1,000,000.

The new bill provides \$12,000,000 for the construction of navy yards provided the Secretary of the Navy cannot get contracts for vessels at a fair and reasonable price. Construction of all vessels is to begin as soon as practicable.

The number of appointments to the Secretary of the Navy at the Naval Academy is increased from 25 to 100 per year.

The program is that recommended by the department and represents one-half of the remaining portion of the three-year program approved last year.

No increase in the pay of the navy was allowed. The committee had before it information that the enlistment in the navy in December showed a gain of 1,000.

Outlook for Training Bill.

The Administration leaders look for continued success in the preparedness program at this season. It is quite probable that some bill for universal military training may be brought in, but no action upon it is expected before the close of the session.

"The Military Affairs Committee will have made progress if it reports out a bill this session," said Senator Chamberlain yesterday. He does not know what the other members of the committee think of the proposition. A great volume of testimony for and against the plan has been presented. This will be concluded probably Thursday when Senator Lee and Major Gen. Leonard Wood appear before the committee. Senator Chamberlain has altered his views about some of the details connected with his bill, but is of the opinion that some system is absolutely necessary.

"I don't think the Federal Government would have jurisdiction to compel training of children in the schools except for the purpose of raising an army," he said. "I am not in favor of requiring the training of children between the ages of twelve and eighteen. My bill provides only that where children have received military training in the schools they shall be allowed credits in the system of the National Government."

"It is my belief that six months of military training at the age of eighteen will be sufficient instead of a training to be carried through a number of years."

MORE THAN 5,000 DEER KILLED IN STATE SINCE FIRST OF AUGUST, 1915

According to Superintendent John M. Crampton of the fish and game commission, 1,960 deer have been reported killed in this state since the law permitting the killing of deer by property owners who find the animals destroying their property became effective August 1915. This number, according to the superintendent, represents only about one-third of the total number of deer killed. The greatest number were killed in Litchfield county, 121 having been shot in that section. Hartford county ranks second with 340 and the number killed in other counties follow: New London, 285; Windham, 223; New Haven, 206; Middlesex, 181; Tolland, 164; Fairfield, 140.

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER

ADJUTANT DERMODY AIDS CAMPAIGN OF THE SALVATION ARMY

Adjutant William Dermody, for many years prominent in athletic circles in New York, came here from Boston today to assist the Salvation Army in its final effort to raise the money needed to pay the cost of its proposed new building on Elm street. Adjutant Dermody was for some time announcer and trainer at the Greenwood Athletic club in Brooklyn and he has presided at numerous boxing bouts.

In his youth Adjutant Dermody established himself in business as a news and cigar vendor. Terry McGovern, the famous fighter, was one of Mr. Dermody's boys. McGovern used to carry papers and do other work assigned him by Mr. Dermody. Later, Mr. Dermody interested himself in athletics and gained considerable popularity in the clubs of Gotham.

His conversion and subsequent connection with the Salvation Army was one of the events of the time. The sport writers of the big dailies of New York featured him and the Sunday magazines gave his conversion almost as much space as they now devote to the war. His old pals, among whom were prominent boxers, trainers and managers, took him seriously and treated him with the utmost courtesy. He often addresses the men from the ringside and after his address, those who knew him when living the old life, would pelt him with quarters, half dollars and money of other texture and denomination.

Adjutant Dermody says he is a product of the Bowery. His old friends said he was always on the square. He was not a "down-and-out," but sacrificed a good job for the Army work.

BORDEN CO. RAISES PRICES ON ITS MILK

The Borden Condensed Milk Co. announced today change in the price schedule for milk.

Grade B, pasteurized, will be 11 cents instead of 10; extra heavy cream 18 cents instead of 16; route cream, 12 cents instead of 11, and half pints of condensed milk in bottles 10 cents instead of eight. Butter, Grade A, pasteurized milk, pints of pasteurized milk, and certified milk prices will remain the same.

The reason given is that the contracts with the farmers have expired and the company is paying more to the producers.

STATE DEPT. GETS REPORTS ON COSTA RICAN OUTBREAKS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Reports of the bloodless revolution in Costa Rica reaching Washington up to today indicated no conditions in that republic that the United States would regard as grounds for intervening, as requested by Alfredo Gonzales, the deposed president. The state department awaited word from Minister Hale, who provided refuge in the legation to Gonzales when the rebel Tio, former minister of war, proclaimed himself provisional president. It was the first Costa Rica revolution in more than 40 years.

PRESIDENT BELIEVES CONGRESS WILL ACT ON TWO IMPORTANT BILLS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Administration leaders in congress got some encouragement today over legislative prospects from President Wilson's statement after his regular visit to the capitol yesterday that he believed every important measure in which he was interested will be acted on at this session. The president explained that he does not insist on any particular form of railroad strike restriction bill, but believes some legislation to that end is absolutely necessary. He also endorsed Senator Poinsett's proposal to place all postmasters under civil service.

CONNECTICUT OYSTER CROP WILL BE SHORT

Reports from oyster growers of the state indicate there will be a serious shortage of marketable oysters during the rest of the season. Already some of the opening houses have closed for the season owing to the shortage. According to oyster farmers, the lack of oysters is largely due to the poor sets experienced during the past few weeks. Oyster shippers say that they are hard hit, as they needed to run their plants through the season to recover for losses sustained by what they say was unprofitable business during the last three years.

The quality of oysters is said to be good at the present time, but oyster growers say that the prospect for quantity in Connecticut is poor for the future. The set in Connecticut has been small for the past two years. Oyster farmers insist that the oyster industry is rapidly declining in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Anthony Koudeika of New York, known as the champion wrestler and strong man of the Bohemian colony on the upper East side, committed suicide, by shooting himself in the head.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. W. J. Cornell, 7 Longley St., Marlboro, Mass., says Father John's Medicine keeps her family well and strong.

Mrs. Freda Coffey of 832 So. 12th Ave., Maywood, Ill., says she gives Father John's Medicine to all her children and is grateful for the great good which it has accomplished.

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NAME SIMILARITY RESULTS IN FALSE ARREST IN EIM CITY

Charles Hoag, of New Haven, the youth who was brought to the city charged with robbing a local residence, was discharged from custody by Judge Frank Wilder this morning. It was learned that the police of New Haven had made an error and arrested the wrong man. The local police asked them to detain Charles Houd, but the New Haven authorities made a mistake in the name, arresting Hoag for Houd.

BRUSHED FROM TROLLEY CAR, CONDUCTOR SUES

Joseph Rapp, an automobile owner of Bridgeport, has been sued for recklessly driving an automobile. The plaintiff, John Joseph Winslow of Bridgeport, complains to the city court, where the case will be heard in February, that Sept. 22 he was brushed from the running board of a moving trolley car and suffered injuries for which \$100 should be paid.

Winslow is a trolley conductor and at the time of the accident was engaged in collecting fares from passengers on a Barnum avenue trolley car at Helen street. Attachments to cover the suit have been made.

BORDER BANDITS PURSUED

Mexico City, Jan. 30.—It has been reported to the war department that bandits tried to cross from the United States into Mexico yesterday near Brownsville and were forced back by troops under Gen. Riquelme. Gen. Riquelme reported that the American troops were pursuing the bandits on the American side of the line.

RAILROAD SUE OVER HORSE'S DEATH

To recover for the death of a horse struck by a switch engine last May, the Bridgeport Sand & Gravel Co. of this city has brought suit against the New Haven railroad and the Austin Construction Co. for \$1,500. It is claimed that a team of horses owned by the Austin Co. was put in the lead of the plaintiff's team while work was being done at the American Graphophone plant. The plaintiff claims an employee of the Austin Co. failed to exercise due care and take notice that the engine was approaching. The suit is returnable to the superior court.

Lucian S. Breckenridge, former deputy assistant district attorney, indicted on charges of "taking, receiving and accepting a bribe," pleaded not guilty in General Sessions.

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SEVEN ECLIPSES, FULL SET, IN 1917

There will be seven eclipses in 1917, the largest number possible in 12 months and a combination that has not occurred for more than a century. Four are due for the sun and three are credited to the moon. The last year in which there were seven eclipses, four in solar and three lunar, was 1805.

The calculations of Oppolza which account for the disappearances of sun and moon occurring between 1000 B. C. and 2160 A. D. show that from the coming of the Christian era until the year 2160 there should be thirty-two of these unusual eclipse seasons, which means that about one year in 70 has seven such manifestations, thereby showing that there is power in the magic numeral seven. The recurrences are not at regular intervals, as between two of the sevenfold years there is an interval of more than two centuries. There will be two more of these years in the next century and a half.

Time of Eclipses.

The first eclipse of the moon in 1917 took place at 11:30 o'clock on the night of Jan. 7.

This eclipse was fully visible in Washington and over a large area in the western hemisphere. The beginning was visible in central and western Europe, northwestern Africa and central and eastern portions of the Pacific ocean.

A partial eclipse of the sun occurred on Jan. 22, invisible in this country.

The other disappearances of the luminaries for 1917 are arranged on the following schedule:

A partial eclipse of the sun June 18-19; invisible at Washington.

A total eclipse of the moon on July 4; invisible at Washington. The beginning will be visible generally in Asia, except the northeastern portion; Australia, Africa, Europe except the northwestern portion, and the south Atlantic ocean. The ending will be visible generally in western Australia, southwestern Asia, Europe, Africa and South America.

July 18 will see the sun partly eclipsed, but the phenomenon cannot

be observed in this part of the world. On Dec. 13 there will be an annular eclipse of the sun; invisible at Washington.

A total eclipse of the moon will take place on Dec. 27. It will be visible at Washington, and the beginning will generally be visible in North and South America, throughout the Pacific ocean and in the extreme northeastern part of Asia, while the ending may be seen generally in North America, throughout the Pacific ocean and in eastern Asia and Australia.

NO MORE MUSIC AND MONKEY IF THIS IS DONE

Goodbye to the hurdy gurdy. The Young Men's Italian association of Albany, N. Y., has asked the legislature to pass a bill declaring the "practice of organ grinding" to be a public nuisance.

"We feel," explained Frank Ruggeri, president of the association, "that the abolition of organ grinding will tend to place the Italian race in a better light before the American people. The business is so low that those who participate in it are wasting valuable time. We know they are capable of better work."

"It is a misconceived idea that organ grinders and women helpers exist in Italy. As a whole, our people have trades, and those who have are not at least good farmers. In seeking to do away with this business and helping organ grinders to seek higher fields it will mean better citizenship and the preservation of our women's dignity."

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed an embargo on lines west of Pittsburgh, which applies to all east-bound shipments of carload freight which originate at Chicago.

The War Department received a report on the brush between American troops and Mexican cattle thieves near Ruby last Saturday. There were no casualties on either side.

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